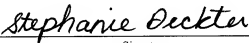


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Pursuant to United States Patent and Trademark Office OG Notices: 12 July 2005 - New Pre-Appeal Brief Conference Pilot Program, a request for a review of identified matters on appeal is hereby submitted with the Notice of Appeal. Review of these identified matters by a panel of examiners is requested because the rejections of record are clearly not proper and are without basis, in view of a clear legal or factual deficiency in the rejections. All rights to address additional matters on appeal in any subsequent appeal brief are hereby reserved.

Claims 1-28, 55-57, and 54-74 are pending, with claims 1, 15, and 55 being independent. Claims 1-28, 55-57, and 64-74 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Blumenau (U.S. Patent No. 6,108,637) in view of Guyot (U.S. Patent No. 6,119,098) and Moraes (U.S. Patent No. 6,014,502).

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants specifically ask the panel to review the following issues:

1. The proposed combination of Moraes, Blumenau, and Guyot fails to support the presently pending rejection of claims 1-28, 55-57 and 64-74 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as none of these references disclose or suggest, expressly or inherently, at least one feature recited by those claims – namely, varying an amount of display time for which an advertisement is to be displayed on a viewer's associated computer system, and thus, their combination also fails to suggest at least this feature.

Discussion of Issues:

1. The proposed combination of Moraes, Blumenau, and Guyot fails to support the presently pending rejection of claims 1-28, 55-57, and 64-74 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as none of these references disclose or suggest, expressly or inherently, at least one feature recited by those claims – namely, varying an amount of display time for which an advertisement is to be displayed on a viewer's associated computer system, and thus, their combination also fails to suggest at least this feature.

In the independent claims, Applicants claim varying an amount of display time for which an advertisement is to be displayed on a viewer's associated computer system based on the viewer's interactions with, and use of, the associated computer system.

This feature is not disclosed or suggested by any of the cited references, nor is it suggested by the proposed combination thereof. To demonstrate this, Applicants first address each reference individually, showing the failing of each reference to disclose this feature. Then, Applicants demonstrate that the combination of the references, like its constituent parts, is similarly devoid of disclosure or suggestion of this feature.

Moraes does not disclose varying an amount of display time for an advertisement. Instead of displaying an advertisement for a varying amount of time, Moraes discloses a system that displays advertisements for a “predetermined” amount of time. See Moraes at col. 13, lines 44-47.

In greater detail, Moraes describes a “predetermined time” in col. 13, stating that “[e]ach banner advertisement is displayed for a predetermined time *and* in accordance with a schedule that is preset or determined by the client user ‘on-the-fly.’” See Moraes at col. 13, lines 44-47. The conjunction “and” in this sentence separates two thoughts. First, advertisements are always displayed for a predetermined amount of time, and thus the amount of time for which the advertisements are displayed does not vary. Second, advertisements are displayed for the predetermined time based on a schedule, which schedule may itself be predetermined or which schedule may instead be determined on an ad hoc basis.

As such, and without wavering, Moraes discloses a system that displays an advertisement for a *predetermined*, or fixed, amount of time. The *schedule* for when an advertisement is to be displayed may be determined *on-the-fly*. However, an on-the-fly determination of a schedule that prescribes *when* an advertisement is to be displayed (e.g., at what time of day) does not

suggest that the *amount of time* for which the advertisement is to be displayed (e.g., 30 seconds) is also determined on-the-fly. Rather, Moraes explicitly discloses that the *amount of time* for which an advertisement is to be displayed, regardless of when it is to be displayed based on the schedule, is *predetermined*. Therefore, Moraes fails to describe or suggest varying an amount of display time for which an advertisement is to be displayed on a viewer's associated computer system, as claimed.

Specifically, in attempting to demonstrate that Moraes discloses variation of advertisement display time, the final Office action cites to col. 19, line 9 to col. 20, line 56. Yet even this portion of Moraes suggests that replacement of advertisements is nonvariably performed "after a predetermined time." See Moraes at col. 19, lines 45-49. Furthermore, the Advisory Action contends that disclosure by Moraes that "[e]xpired advertisements may be overwritten" at col. 19, lines 9-49, amounts to a disclosure of "varying the amount of time for which an advertisement is displayed." See Advisory Action of August 9, 2006 at page 3 (emphasis in original). However, the section of Moraes that describes overwriting expired advertisements does so solely in relation to storing new advertisements on a storage device, such that an advertisement stored on the storage device may be overwritten if the advertisement is expired. See Moraes at col. 19, lines 40-45. Disclosure by Moraes of a capability for overwriting, or replacing, advertisements stored on a storage device based on whether the stored advertisement is expired does not in any way relate to, describe, or suggest, varying an amount of time for which an advertisement is displayed.

As such, none of the portions of Moraes cited in the final Office action or the Advisory Action satisfactorily rebut Applicants' argument that Moraes fails to describe or suggest varying an amount of display time for an advertisement, as claimed. Furthermore, Moraes' failure to disclose variation in advertisement display duration precludes disclosure by Moraes of variation based on monitoring a viewer's interactions with an associated computer system, as also claimed.

The final Office action explicitly recognizes that "the combination of Blumenau and Guyot did not expressly [describe] varying an amount of display time (duration or length of advertisement display time)," and, in fact, neither of these references disclose this feature. See final Office action of May 31, 2006 at page 4. Instead, Blumenau describes monitoring a display of content to determine information regarding the observation by a user of the displayed content.

See Blumenau at abstract. However, and as the final Office action recognizes, Blumenau does not describe or suggest varying an amount of time content is displayed based on the described monitoring. Guyot describes monitoring keyboard and mouse activity on a subscriber's computer to *schedule* the display of advertisements. See Guyot at col. 2, lines 9-14. However, and as the final Office action recognizes, Guyot does not describe or suggest varying an amount of time for the display of advertisements, but rather, like Moraes, Guyot merely uses the described monitoring to schedule *when* advertisements are displayed, not for *how long*.

For these deficiencies, the Office action relies on Moraes. See final Office action of May 31, 2006 at page 4. However, and as described in detail above, Moraes fails to describe or suggest this feature.

Accordingly, the combination of Blumenau, Guyot, and Moraes fails to disclose the missing feature, and thus fails to support the presently pending rejection of claims 1-28, 55-57, and 64-74 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the § 103(a) rejection of claims 1-28, 55-57 and 64-74.

In view of the above, the pending claims should be in condition for allowance. A formal notice of allowance is thus respectfully requested.

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